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TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, VINTAGE PRODUCTION CALIFORNIA LLC, KERN FRONT OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY

Enclosed are responses to comments submitted by Vintage Production California LLC (Vintage) on the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order (Order) circulated on 7 June 2007. The tentative Order will be considered by the Regional Water Board at its meeting on 2 and 3 August 2007. Also enclosed is a revised (strikeout) version of the Order that includes changes initiated by Regional Water Board staff and some made in response to comments submitted by Vintage. Most significantly, the monthly average discharge specification for electrical conductivity (EC) was lowered, and the boron limit was increased from the circulated version of the tentative Order. Also, a discharge prohibition was modified to restrict the total discharge to the ditches and to Valley Waste Disposal Company (VWDC).

To conserve resources, paper copies of the tentative Order are being sent to the Discharger only. The revised Order and any additional information are available electronically on our web site (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html). If you have any questions regarding the proposed Order, or are without access to the internet and would like to request paper copies of the tentative Order, please contact Mr. Dane A. Mathis at (559) 488-4287.

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Enclosures: Tentative Order (Discharger only)

Response to Comments (Discharger only)

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